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Redevelopment Board Minutes 01-29-2001

Members Present: John FitzMaurice
Ed Tsoi
Nora Mann
Barry Faulkner
Roland Chaput

In addition: Alan McClennen, Jr., Secretary ex officio
Kevin O'Brien, Asst. Dir. of Planning & Comm. Dev.

8:00 p.m. — The Arlington Redevelopment Board convened in the second floor conference room of the annex of the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to conduct an Environmental Design Review Hearing on Docket No. 3144 for a wireless communications facility at 37 Drake Road on the petition of SBC Communications, Inc., d/b/a Cellular One.

Mr. Jonathan McNeal from SBC Communications was present to provide information on the requested special permit. He indicated that these were microcell antennae; they would project two feet above the top of the penthouse; and they would have an equipment cabinet equivalent to the size of a small refrigerator. He also indicated that the Arlington Housing Authority was receiving \$11,000 per year in rent. Mr. McNeal agreed that the cables would be black; the antennae would be gray; and that the equipment box would be painted to match the brick.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Tsoi, that the request for special permit be approved; unanimous vote in favor.

8:30 p.m. — George Sherback, Stop & Shop Companies, met with the Board to discuss a proposed fence. Mr. Steve Paulino, a neighbor, and Marie Walsh from the Board of Health were present. There was an extensive discussion about the proposal to build a fence along the Paulino property line in order to reduce the noise. The fence would replace a six foot stockade fence and would be 8, 10, or 12 feet high along the rear of the Paulino property line.

There was extensive discussion about the advisability of placing a fence on the property, and Mr. Tsoi suggested that it would be more cost effective to provide air conditioning and double glaze the windows at Mr. Paulino's house since the height of the fence would significantly alter the amount of light available to Mr. Paulino. Mr. Sherback indicated that he would review that matter and come back to the Board.

9:30 p.m. — The Board adjourned to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

10:30 p.m. — Following the meeting with the Board of Selectmen, it was moved by Mr. Chaput, seconded by Mr. Faulkner to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.
Respectfully submitted,
Alan McClennen, Jr.